

**Chet Holifield Federal Building
Tenant Update
May 2021**

Air-sampling results for the Chet Holifield Federal Building (CHFB) continue to indicate there are no recognized health hazards in areas sampled at this property. The building remains safe to occupy.

AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Agency representatives must contact GSA's Building Facility Asbestos Control Manager Sherry Hutchinson, at 949-360-2015 or sherry.hutchinson@gsa.gov, prior to performing work in the building. Agencies must follow all required procedures and regulations when performing work in the building.

Notify the GSA Field Office immediately if there are any concerns regarding work in the building or for access above the suspended ceiling system. During business hours, call 949-360-2022. After business hours, call the Security Control Desk at 949-360-2647.

BUILDING PROCEDURES

In order to adhere to the requirements for ACM in the 2018 Building Operations and Maintenance Plan and to ensure the safety of building tenants, all agencies must coordinate and consult with GSA prior to performing any additional environmental testing in tenant-controlled space. However, no further testing or investigation is allowed above the ceiling anywhere in the building unless authorized, in writing, by GSA.

Ceiling tiles are not to be opened, removed or moved in any manner in order to prevent disturbing potential ACM above the ceiling. Please ensure all employees, and contractors, where applicable, are informed of this requirement. Similarly, due to the presence of asbestos in drywall joint compound systems as well as in wall texturing material, efforts must be made to avoid disturbing such walls including making any attachments needed for pictures, hooks, boards, etc. These types of attachment activities are only permitted using asbestos controls by properly trained persons. Contact GSA before affixing anything to the walls.

GSA continues to emphasize clear communication by posting signage to inform tenants when contractors need access to ceiling tiles in areas cleared of ACM. Also, GSA will maintain appropriate controls and caution signage, per the Asbestos Technical Guide, for work above suspended ceilings where ACM is present.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

GSA's operations and maintenance contractor, King & George, LLC, has subcontracted with DryMaster, to assist with work and preventative maintenance on equipment located above the ceiling. This work will be performed after building hours, under containment, and with third-party oversight by Millennium Consulting Associates. GSA will contact agencies for after-hours access, as required, in order to perform work in agency occupied space.

FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AIR SAMPLING

- Federal Occupational Health (FOH) completed quarterly air sampling on March 23-24, 2021. The results have been received and all results were below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) re-occupancy level. It is safe to occupy designated work and common areas. The FOH report is posted in the [Online Reading Room](#) on the [Chet Holifield Federal Building web page](#).
- The next round of air sampling will be on June 22-23, 2021. GSA is in the process of developing the schedule and will contact agencies for escorts.

TENANT COMMUNICATION

The [Chet Holifield Federal Building web page](#) and [Online Reading Room](#) are active. Tenant updates are available in the online reading room. Other posted documents include the FOH air-sampling reports and Frequently Asked Questions. GSA will continue to share the latest information with building tenants.

All test results are available for review in the GSA Field Office, Suite 4100.

For all media and public inquiries, please direct questions to Andra Higgs, Public Affairs Officer, andra.higgs@gsa.gov or 415-436-8778.